Allahabad, during the last three years for the purchase of two cobalt therapy units.

(c) There is no other proposal for giving assistance under the cancer control programme.

**Contribution towards Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary Celebrations**

760. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued departmental instructions to public sector undertakings to contribute substantially to the Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary celebrations;

(b) whether these instructions are a compulsion on these public scetor undertakings;

(c) whether these public sector undertakings which are losing have been exempted from this contributions; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRIMATI SHEILA DIKSHIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

**CBI investigation in Bofors Gun Deal**

761. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the tasks entrusted to CBI for investigation in context with the documents published by the 'Hindu' about the Howitzer gun deal with Bofors, and when were they entrusted; and

(b) what are the findings as yet and the follow up action?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The following tasks were entrusted to the CBI in the matter:—

(i) To investigate the authenticity of the documents published in the Hindu.

(ii) To establish the identity of the recepients of the alleged payments.

(iii) To ascertain whether any Indian received any part of these alleged payments, and, if so, the services for which these payments were made.

(iv) To determine whether any Indian laws have been violated.

(b) The investigations by the CBI have not so far been completed.

**Pesticide compound extracted from Neem oil**

762. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the Regional Research Laboratory, Hyderabad, a safe and natural pesticide compound 'Vapacide' has been extracted from Neem Oil;

(b) whether it is a fact that 'Vapacide' is found to be anti-feedant and render pest management quite safe, specially in case of vegetables and fruits where toxicity of synthetic pesticides is a major threat; if so, what are its other useful properties; and

(c) steps taken to upscale the process at pilot-plant level and also at commercial scale; and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A novel process to obtain an insect anti-feedant and insect growth regulatory fraction from Neem Oil named as 'Vapacide' has been developed.

(b) The anti-feedant activities have been determined against many pest. The active fraction 'Vapacide' prevents the insects, from eating the crop and thus the insects starve and die. This anti-feedant property of the fraction from Neem makes it a safe product for pest control, particularly for vegetables, fruits, etc., where toxic residue must be avoided.

The insect antifeedant has been determined against larove of Mythimna separata walk (oriental army worm) under laboratory conditions. It has been evaluated for the control of insect pest of sorghum under field conditions. It was found to be effective against spotted stem borer (chilo partellus swin), oriental army-worm (Mythimna separata walk), cotton gray weevil (myllocerus species) and to a certain extent against head-bug (calcoris angustatus).

(c) The laboratory has entered into an agreement with a party on sponsorship basis for collection of extensive bio-efficacy data and eventual commercialisation.

**High Level Committee on Problems of Ex-Servicemen**

763. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of the High Level Committee on the problems of Ex-servicemen which have not yet been accepted or implemented by Government;

(b) the reasons of delay;

(c) by when they are likely to be decided and implemented; and

(d) whether Ex-servicemen have represented in this regard; if so when, how and what were their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (d) A statement is attached. The High Level Committee on problems of ex-servicemen had made 68 recommendaitons in its report. Decision has been taken on all these recommendations. Out of the 68 recommendations, 50 have been fully accepted, 6 partly accepted and 12 recommendations have not been accepted. Out of the recommendations not accepted, 4 of them are expected to be taken care of through existing schemes and institutions.

Of the 56 recommendations fully or partly accepted, 12 have been fully implemented. Implementation has been started and is in various stages of progress relating to 40 recommendations. Four are yet to be implemented.

From time to time, Ex-servicemen have represented individually or through their Associations on various issues. The main demands include 'rank for rank pension', 'Formation of an Ex-servicemen Commission', 'Setting up a Parliamentary Committee to monitor the implementation of Government guidelines', 'Enactment of Ex-servicemen Act', 'Setting up an Ex-servicemen Financial Corporation', 'Assured employment till the age of 58', 'Uniformity in regard to terms and conditions of re-employment in civil posts'.

**Army Medical Corps Doctors**

764. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from 1987 onward the starting salary of Army Medical Corps Doctors has been brought